

Children's Sunday Groups at St John's

These are the groups we run for children and young people during the 9.30am service each Sunday:

Rising Stars—Ages 0-5 in the Jubilee Hall

The Big God Space—Ages 5-10 in the Pauling Room

Streetwise - Every Sunday Evening

Join us every Sunday night from 6.00pm - 7.30pm in The Lodge for fun, food, games, praise and worship. We aim to create a place where young people can come and experience love and acceptance in Jesus Christ. For more information contact Kim at kidswork@stjm.org.uk or Ben at curate@stjm.org.uk

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Office opening hours:

Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm only



NEWS SHEET

This Sunday 14th April 2019

Palm Sunday

Lent 6: Reconciliation Series
Radical Openness to the Other

8.00am Heritage Communion

Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter

Preaching Revd Jill Preece

Assisting Chris Sneath

9.30am Contemporary Communion

Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter

Preaching Revd Jill Preece

11.15am Choral Matins

Leading Revd Giles Carpenter

Preaching Revd Jill Preece

Hymns 14, 463, 583, Psalm 61
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Thursday 18th April 2019

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Tenebrae Service

Leading Revd Giles Carpenter

Preaching Revd Jill Preece

Friday 19th April 2019

Good Friday

12.00pm Three Hours at the Cross

Leading Revd Giles Carpenter and
Revd Jill Preece

Next Sunday 21st April 2019

Easter Day

8.00am Heritage Communion

Presiding Revd Brian Richards

Preaching Jorj Kowszun

Assisting Dianne Barrett

10.00am Family Communion

Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter
and Revd Jill Preece

Preaching Revd Ben Sleep

Assisting Dianne Barrett

Hymns 348, 672

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	15th April
9.00am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Art at Easter Exhibition (JH)
2.00pm	Pastoral Care Meeting
Tuesday	16th April
10.30am	Movement to Music (JH)
Wednesday	17th April
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (Chapel)
10.00am	Kids Easter Holiday Club (JH)
2.15pm	Bible Study (PR)
Maundy Thursday	18th April
10.00am	Kids Easter Holiday Club (JH)
11.00am	Holy Communion (Chapel)
7.00pm	Tenebrae Service
Good Friday	19th April (Bank Holiday—no Coffee Pot)
10.00am	Messy Easter
12.00pm—3.00pm	Three Hours at the Cross
12.30pm	Art at Easter Exhibition (JH)
Saturday	20th April
8.30am	Prayer Plus (no breakfast today)
10.00am	Flower arrangement prep for Easter Service

SAFEGUARDING

The safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults is a priority for St John's Church. If you have any concerns about the safety of your children or a vulnerable member of the congregation please contact a member of the ministry team or talk to me, Jorj Kowszun. I am the Safeguarding Officer and you can contact me on 07803 174383 or email: jorj@cogency.info. If you feel you need to contact someone outside the parish then the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted at Church House, Hove on 01273 421021. Jorj Kowszun

PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware or you know of someone needing a pastoral visit then please contact Jill Preece on jill@stjm.org.uk or 01323 638020 or Nick Pendry on nick.pendry60@gmail.com or 01323 737593.

GOING DEEPER

The next Bible Study will take place on the 17th April at 2.15pm in the Pauling Room, when we will be discussing Paul's letter to the Colossians. All are welcome. Robert Millett.

BAPTISM

Are you interested in being baptised in the sea at Holywell on 30th June 2019? Please ask Revd Ben Sleep for more information.

GARTH HEWITT CONCERT

On Friday 26th April 2019 at 7.30pm Garth Hewitt will be entertaining us in the Church, with stories and songs of peace, poetry, prayer and protest. Tickets are £10 and can be bought online via stjm.org.uk or on the door that evening.



CHURCHSUITE

Thank you to those who attended last week's ChurchSuite presentations. For those who haven't yet logged on, please follow the link that has been emailed to you (if we hold an email address for you) and type in St. John's (exactly as it appears here). St. John's Meads will be one of the options in the list.

Please then choose your own password and log on.

In MY DETAILS please go to COMMUNICATIONS and ensure that the boxes RECEIVE GENERAL EMAILS and RECEIVE ROTA REMINDER EMAILS (if applicable) is ticked.

In MY DETAILS and PRIVACY please ensure you have chosen whether or not you want your address, telephone, mobile and email visible to others in the Church Family. If you do not, please ensure these are not ticked.

***** Please note that if you are part of a ROTA, you will need to input your UNAVAILABILITY for June to August by the end of April 2019 *****

SUMMER FETE: 22nd JUNE 2019 from 12.00pm—4.00pm

Calling all Green Fingers - Bookworms - Bakers - Collectors!

We are looking forward to a day of fun and entertainment for all our community in Meads, friends and visitors at our **Summer Fete on June 22nd Midday till 4pm**. If you are sowing seeds or taking cuttings, would you prepare some extras for the Plant Stall? Similarly, would you look out for good condition books for the Book Stall. There will be a Bric-a-Brac stall so please start collecting items for that. Cake makers, please bake and freeze or bring fresh cakes for the Cake Stall and Tea and Cake supply - we have a reputation for 'wow' factor cakes! Vintage cars, bouncy castle, choirs, candy floss, stalls galore, Eastbourne Silver Band and a barbecue.....a fun afternoon for all! We also hope to have a dog show. So please come and enjoy or, better still, volunteer to help AND enjoy! Maggie and George Gibson, Tony Mottram and Sally White.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS!

A very warm welcome from all of us here if you are new to St John's, or just visiting. We hope you enjoy worshipping with our church family. If you are looking for a church and would like to find out more about us, our vicar Giles and his wife Rachel regularly host an informal "Connexions" event with tea and cake at the vicarage. This is a great chance to find out more about the vision of St John's Church and our mission to make disciples and to serve the community of Meads. Please speak to our Welcome Team or contact the Church Office (office@stjm.org.uk or 01323 738671). **Our next Connexions event is Sunday 28th April 2019.**

If you want to be kept in touch, please complete one of our Welcome cards, available from one of our Welcome Team or at the back of the church. You can also register interest using the online keypad located at the Welcome Desk. You can also visit our website at www.stjm.org.uk

CONNEXIONS



PRAYER POINTERS

- ◆ For ourselves as we journey through Holy Week and Easter, that Jesus' passion and resurrection will impact us more deeply.
- ◆ For Kim Leach as she heads up Holiday Club and Messy Church on Wednesday, Thursday and Good Friday this week; that a good number of children will come and have a really good time.
- ◆ For all those on holiday at this time, for safety in travel, great family times and a chance to unwind.

Future Services and Events...

Easter Sunday 21st April

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Family Communion & Easter Egg Hunt
4.30pm DGH Chapel Service

Thursday 25th April

7.00pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting (JH)

Friday 26th April

7.30pm Garth Hewitt Concert (Church)

A VERY IMPORTANT DATE FOR OUR DIARIES!

Thursday 25th April at 7pm is the date for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting or **APCM** for short. The title may not immediately inspire you to reach for your diaries and cancel your evening classes or your Zumba session at the gym but if you possibly can make it can I encourage you all to be here at church. The APCM is an opportunity for us to look back over the past year and to reflect on the amazing journey God has led us on as a church. It's time to acknowledge and thank those who have given their time and talent to serve the parish and most importantly to give thanks to God for his faithfulness to us over this year. Not only has our church changed physically but God is building a holy temple of people to serve Him on our front lines. So, as well as looking back we will also look forward to the year ahead. Where is God leading us in this next season? What do we need for the journey and what part will you and I play in **loving God, building his church and sharing his love with our neighbour**. Revd Giles Carpenter

DGH CHAPEL SERVICE

We are privileged to have been invited to lead the Easter Day Service (21st April) which is broadcast on hospital radio at 5.00pm and lasts for 30 minutes. The timings are precise so we have to gather at 4.30pm in the Chapel. Please let myself or Carrie know if you are able to join us. Free parking vouchers are available! Derek Moulard 01323 736185.

FOLLOWING IN THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Two years ago St. John's performed a specially written set of monologues called "Following in the Way of the Cross." The monologues were put together by the writing team for Easter who go under a pen name of MD Wigg and Jay Heyes. Jackie Ewins is part of the team. This resource for performance has since spread through the country at Easter and has now been published. The dedication is to St. John's because you were first to perform the piece. The monologues were accompanied two years ago by great music here from Mark and his team. Copies are available at the back of the church for £2 as a donation to St. John's. The kindle version is available on Amazon if you prefer that. Jackie Ewins

EASTBOURNE FOODBANK

Eastbourne Foodbank's stock of food is extremely low at present and they urgently need food items to enable them to maintain the service they provide: they are particularly in need of **tinned meat and tinned fish** at this present time. Donations are always gratefully received and the drop-off bin is to the left of the exit doors.

SPONSOR A STONE

Our Sponsor a Stone Appeal is off to a great start with 11 people responding so far. Home Groups and other groups at St John's are also considering how they can back the appeal together, with 10 people each giving £10. Full details of the appeal are on the table in the baptistry. Gifts should be made payable to 'PCC of St John Meads' by cheque or by bank transfer to PCC of St John Meads Building Fund, sort code 40-52-40, a/c no. 00020269. The reference for both is 'Tower'.

CAMEO LADIES

Thank you so much for your very generous donations collected at our last meeting. I was delighted to be able to send a cheque for £250 to Release International. Praise God for this gift to encourage our Christian brothers and sisters who suffer persecution for their faith. Rowena Adams.

PRAYER PLUS: 20th APRIL

Please note that there will be no breakfast at the Prayer Plus meeting on Saturday 20th April at 8.30am.